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SUBJ: ALLEGED PRO-SOVIETS IN ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP

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1. WE NOTE THAT HERBERT VON BORCH (FROM WASHINGTON) IN SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG (MUNICH) INCLUDED REMARK IN EDITORIAL (QUOTED REFTEL) THAT "INCLUSION OF PRO-RUSSIAN ELEMENTS IN THE ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP...LEAD WASHINGTON TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE BALKANS".

2. THIS IS SOMEWHAT AKIN TO (IF NOT STOLEN DIRECTLY FROM) COMMENT BY CHARLES GATI IN LATEST (SUMMER 1975) ISSUE OF JOURNAL "FOREIGN POLICY" (PAGE 8142L TO EFFECT THAT "PRO-RUSSIANS" HAVE RECENTLY BEEN MADE PART OF ROMANIAN "POLITICAL LEADERSHIP" AS PART OF ALLEGED BOWING TOWARD MOSCOW BY ROMANIA. GATI IS A PROFESSOR AT COLUMBIA AND YAW WHO VISITED ROMANIA LAST YEAR.

3. NEITHER SOURCE APPARENTLY GOES INTO ANY DETAIL ABOUT WHO THESE PRO-SOVIET ROMANIANS MAY BE.

4. WE ARE PUZZLED BY THESE EDITORIAL SHOTS, SINCE CEAUSESCU HAS IF ANYTHING BEEN RATHER STUBBORNLY ANTI-MOSCOW THIS SPRING, AS ROMANIAN POSITIONS IN CSCE, ECPC, CEMA, HISTORICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL FRONT, AND NON-ALIGNED INITIATIVES

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ATTEST. WE ARE ALSO AT A LOSS AS TO WHO PRESENTLY IN

RCP LEADERSHIP COULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS PRO-SOVIET.
WE SUSPECT CHIVU STOICA (WHO DIED IN FEBRUARY) MAY BE
MEANT.

5. TO BE ON SAFE SIDE, MUNICH AND INR/RES MAY WISH TO CHECK OUT
TWO LEADS (ABOVE), IF TIME PERMITS, TO SEE WHAT MERIT THEY MAY
HAVE AND WHAT DETAILS AUTHORS CAN PROVIDE.
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